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SUBJECT: ACYPL - JAPANESE POLITICAL LEADERS EXCHANGE

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT JAPANESE YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS GROUP, NUMBERING APPROXIMATELY 20 MEMBERS OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEGISLATURES, IS DEPARTING AUGUST 4 FOR TWO-WEEK VISIT TO UNITED STATES AS GUEST OF AMERICAN COUNCIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS (ACYPL). MULTIPARTISAN GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES LDP, JSP AND KOMIETO MEMBERS, WILL SPEND FIRST WEEK IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK AND SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS TO VISIT OTHER PARTS OF U.S. DURING SECOND WEEK. DURING STAY IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 5 AND 6, GROUP HOPES TO MEET WITH VICE PRESIDENT FORD AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS INCLUDING DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE INGERSOLL. WE UNDERSTAND ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRIP AND FOR APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON BEING MADE BY ACYPL.

2. LATEST DELEGATION LIST PROVIDED EMBASSY INCLUDES FOLLOWING DIET MEMBERS: KOICHI KATO (SECOND WEEK ONLY), KIYOSHI MIZUNO, SENPACHI OISHI, OSAMU TAKATORI, AND TAKU YAMASAKI OF LDP; HIDEO DEN, TAKAKO DOI, AND TAMIO KAWAKAMI OF JSP; AND HIROICHI SAKAI, YOSHIYUKI ARAI AND KEISUKE SHIODE OF KOMEIITO. ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF DELEGATION INCLUDE AKIKAZU HASHIMOTO, REPRESENTING LDP DIETMAN YOHEI KONO; MASATOSHI MIYAMA, REPRESENTING LDP DIETMAN MORIHIRO HOSOKAWA; YASUSHI HIDAKA AND EITARO SHINODA, BOTH LDP MEMBERS OF FUKUOKA PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY; SHIGEO

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IJIMA, LDP MEMBER OF CHIBA PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY; SOHEI UI, MAYOR

OF SAWARA CITY, CHIBA PREFECTURE; AND KOJI HIROKI, LDP MEMBER OF
TOMIOKA CITY COUNCIL, GUMMA PREFECTURE. HIROSHI KAMURA AND
YOJI YAMAMOTO, WILL BE PART OF GROUP AS COORDINATOR/INTERPRETERS.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT MEMBERS OF JYPL GROUP
REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT CROSS-SECTION OF YOUNGER DIET MEMBERS AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, SEVERAL OF WHOM ARE LIKELY TO BECOME
INFLUENTIAL FIGURES IN JAPANESE POLITICAL LIFE. FACT THAT JSP IS
PARTICIPATING FOR FIRST TIME IN EXCHANGE PROGRAM BY SENDING THREE

DIET MEMBERS IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT AND MAY BE
REGARDED AS INITIAL STEP TOWARD MORE EXTENSIVE JSP CONTACTS WITH
U.S. END COMMENT.
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